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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/692,412
Filed: October 20, 2000
Title: Plant Polymorphic Markers and Uses Thereof
Inventors: David F. BUSH, *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.127

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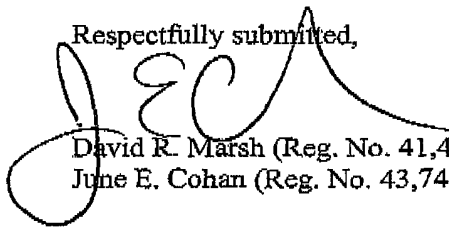
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2. PTO Form-1449 (1 page) and five (5) accompanying references;
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In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-9, 13-14, and 18-26 without prejudice to, or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 17 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of isolating a region of genomic DNA associated with a phenotype of interest comprising:

(A) identifying an *Arabidopsis* plant of a first ecotype with a phenotype of interest;

(B) crossing said *Arabidopsis* plant with an *Arabidopsis* plant of a second ecotype lacking said phenotype;